

15 June 1961

**From:** RADM Luis deFlorez, USNR (Ret.)

**To:** Chief of Naval Personnel  
Arlington Annex  
Washington 25, D. C.

**Subj:** Spanish Decoration

**Ref:** (a) My visit of 3 May 1961  
(b) Pers-G25-os, 72841/1315, dated 12 May 1961  
(c) Pers-G25-MCG/os, 72841/1315, dated 5 June 1961

1. It is noted that my name will be included in the list of names of permanently retired personnel who have received foreign decorations to be sent to the Congress in 1962.

2. Since 1 September 1952, I have been listed as a consultant to ONR under contract (not as an employee), receiving no pay or expenses except on a few short active duty missions (without compensation). I intend to continue this interesting status as long as I can be useful. I am also a consultant to the National Science Foundation and a member of the Navy's SABER Board. All work done for other Government Agencies since my retirement has been performed in the status of a contractor, not as an employee.

LUIS deFLOREZ  
RADM, USNR (Ret.)



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

Pers-G25-MCG/os  
72841/1315  
5 June 1961

From: Chief of Naval Personnel

To: Rear Admiral Luis de Florez, USNR (Retired)  
Office of Naval Research  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

Subj: Spanish decoration; information concerning

Ref: (a) Your telcon with Deputy Chief of Naval  
Personnel of 26 May 61  
(b) BuPers ltr Pers-G25-os of 12 May 61

1. By reference (a) you advised that you were no longer employed by the United States Government in a pay status. In view of this fact, your name will be included on the next list submitted for Congressional approval of retired personnel who have been decorated by foreign governments. The list will be transmitted to the Congress in January 1962.

*A. Christopher*  
A. CHRISTOPHER  
By direction



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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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MAY 12 1961

From: Chief of Naval Personnel

To: Rear Admiral Luis de Florez, USNR (Retired)  
Office of Naval Research  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D.C.

Subj: Spanish decoration; information concerning

Ref: (a) Your personal visit of 3 May 61

Encl: (1) SecNav Inst 1650.9 of 26 Jan 59

1. By reference (a) you delivered to the Chief of Naval Personnel subject decoration, which consists of the following:

Medal with large ribbon sash  
Medal (pin type)  
Diploma

2. After approval by the Chief of Naval Operations, this decoration will be forwarded to the Department of State for custody until such time as you may legally accept it.

3. In accordance with legislation and a Presidential directive, lists of permanently retired personnel who are not employed by the United States Government, are submitted for approval to the second session of each alternate Congress, or every four years. The last list was submitted in 1958; the next list will be forwarded to Congress in 1962.

4. The records show that you were permanently retired on 1 September 1955, but that you are now employed by the United States Government in the Office of Naval Research. In accordance with the provisions of the law, as set forth in enclosure (1), your name may not be included in a future list until or unless you are separated from Government employment. Please advise when your status has changed in order that your name may at that time be included in the list for consideration by the appropriate Congress.

*Almon E. Loomis*

ALMON E. LOOMIS  
Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel

26 May -  
Loomis' office  
called to say Admiral's  
name would be  
included on '962  
list.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
Office of the Secretary  
Washington 25, D. C.

SECNAV 1650.9  
Pers-G25-MCG/os  
26 January 1959

SECNAV INSTRUCTION 1650.9

From: Secretary of the Navy  
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: Decorations, awards, and gifts from foreign governments

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Instruction is to furnish policy guidance concerning the acceptance of foreign decorations, awards, and gifts by naval personnel and civilian employees of the Department of the Navy, and to establish procedures regarding the receipt and disposition of decorations, awards, and gifts tendered by foreign governments.

2. General Policy. No person holding any office of profit or trust under the United States shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept any decoration, award, gift, emolument, office, or title of any kind whatsoever from any king, prince, or official of a foreign government. A decoration, award, or gift tendered any officer of the United States, civil or military, by any foreign government shall be forwarded through the military department concerned to the Department of State where it will be held in escrow pending the consent of Congress.

3. Applicability

a. The policy set forth in paragraph 2 applies to all members of the naval service on active or inactive duty and to all civilian employees of the naval service. The term "members of the naval service" includes members of the U. S. Navy and U. S. Marine Corps, and members of Reserve components thereof.

b. This policy is applicable even though the services for which the award is made are not related to the member's military duties or rendered in his capacity as a member.

c. The policy is further applicable where the decoration, award, or gift, instead of being presented to a civil or naval official of the Department of the Navy, is tendered to a member of his immediate family.

d. For purposes of this Instruction, decorations, awards, and gifts tendered by officials of any foreign national government or any

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foreign unit of government, shall be treated in the same way as those tendered by the heads of foreign governments.

e. This Instruction does not apply to any foreign decoration tendered or awarded for services while the recipient was a bona fide member of the Armed Forces of a friendly foreign nation, provided the award is duly accepted in accordance with the regulations of the nation making the award prior to the recipient's entrance into active duty in the United States naval service. However, members of the naval service who have been awarded decorations under such circumstances are required to make application to the Secretary of the Navy for authority to wear the decorations on the naval uniform.

f. This Instruction shall not apply where a foreign decoration is presented or awarded posthumously to a former member of the naval service.

4. Procedure

a. In the event an individual is advised that a foreign nation has made an award to him and that his presence is desired at a formal presentation ceremony, the individual may participate in the ceremony and receive the tender of the award, except as provided for in paragraph 5. The receipt of a foreign award under such circumstances will not constitute an acceptance of the award by the recipient. Immediately following the ceremony, a member of the naval service or a civilian employee of the Department of the Navy (except as specified in subparagraph 4b) to whom the award has been presented will forward the decoration with all appurtenances thereto and all papers, such as citation, or diploma, to the Chief of Naval Personnel, or to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, as appropriate, with a statement in explanation of the award.

b. Civilian personnel employed by the Department of the Navy, but assigned for duty to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, will submit any decoration, award, or gift falling within the scope of this Instruction to the Director, Office of Administrative Services, Department of Defense; naval personnel assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense will make their submissions to the Chief of Naval Personnel or the Commandant of the Marine Corps, as appropriate, as prescribed in subparagraph 4a.

c. The Chief of Naval Personnel or the Commandant of the Marine Corps, as appropriate, will obtain the necessary approval of

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the Chief of Naval Operations, and forward all decorations, awards, and gifts falling within the scope of this Instruction to the Department of State pending enactment of legislation authorizing acceptance by the recipient.

d. The Department of State is directed by law to furnish each alternate Congress with an omnibus bill authorizing all officers and employees named therein to accept the decorations, awards, and gifts tendered to them by foreign governments. Those named therein are to include only those officials and employees who have retired permanently from Federal service.

e. All members of the naval service and civilian employees of the Department of the Navy, upon their discharge or permanent retirement from Federal service, should notify the Chief of Naval Personnel or the Commandant of the Marine Corps, as appropriate, in order that action may be taken with reference to their awards.

#### 5. Military Assistance Program

a. As an exception to the general policy and procedure set forth in paragraphs 2 and 4 respectively, the following prohibition shall apply to members of the naval service and civilian employees of the Department of the Navy performing any duty whatsoever in connection with the Military Assistance Program. Such personnel, regardless of assignment, may not accept the tender of any decoration, award, or gift from foreign governments for duty of this nature. Accordingly, participation in ceremonies involving any such tender is not authorized. In order to avoid embarrassment, the appropriate foreign officials should be acquainted with this prohibition.

b. Where an award is proffered to a member of the naval service or a civilian employee of the Department of the Navy performing any duty in connection with the Military Assistance Program in recognition of actual combat services or heroism involving the saving of life, the foregoing prohibition is inapplicable.

6. Action. Addressees are directed to disseminate the contents of this Instruction to all personnel of their commands and to advise such personnel of the procedures outlined in paragraph 4. In addition, when circumstances indicate that it would be advisable, addressees will, as diplomatically as possible, acquaint representatives of foreign governments with the regulations and policies set forth in this Instruction.

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7. Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual (NavPers 15790). The provisions of this Instruction will be incorporated in the Manual as soon as practicable.

RICHARD JACKSON  
Assistant Secretary of the Navy

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